



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
27TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING (AFSOC)
CANNON AIR FORCE BASE NEW MEXICO


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MEMORANDUM FOR FRIENDS OF CANNON

FROM: 27 SOW/CC

SUBJECT: New Base Entry Policy and Security Enhancements

1. As a result of Homeland Presidential Security Directive 12, Cannon Air Force Base will be implementing a new identification program for installation access. The Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) will be implemented on 15 September 2009. The new entry procedures for the Friends of Cannon program are outlined below.
2. Beginning 1 October 2009, Friends of Cannon (FOC) members will be required to obtain a DBIDS ID card. To obtain this new base access ID card all FOC members, current and new, must stop at the Visitor's Welcome Center at the Main Gate. We will verify your information through local, state and federal data bases and then issue you a DBIDS ID card.
3. FOC members may use either gate with their new card. Events such as First Friday, Sunday Brunch, Cannon Appreciation Day and other special events will be designated as FOC events and you will be allowed installation access to attend the event with your DBIDS ID card. These FOC events will be publicized on the Cannon AFB public website (www.cannon.af.mil) and other media outlets (press releases will mention if the events are designated for FOC). For access to the base at other times, FOC members will be required to be sponsored onto the installation by a Cannon AFB member. The member must meet you at the gate and escort you on base, but the DBIDS ID card will facilitate your access.
4. We remain committed to providing opportunities for both professional and social exchanges between members of our local communities and the Airmen and families of Cannon AFB. The 27th Special Operations Wing will continue to host monthly gatherings on the first Friday of each month at The Landing Zone, which will be a FOC-designated event and provide the leadership of Cannon AFB a venue to informally talk about where the base is going and allow our local community leaders to do the same. The intent is to enhance the sense of community this part of the country is legendary for, and continue an open exchange of information.
5. We look forward to the interaction the "Friends of Cannon" program offers all of us that call the high plains of eastern New Mexico home. I hope to see you on the First Friday of each month at The Landing Zone.



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